

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the sentence in the specification at page 10, line 29 to read:

The yoke arrangement is mounted for movement relative to the carriage about an yoke swivel axis ~~A2~~ H2, while the beam members are mounted for synchronized movement relative to the yoke arrangement about a beam rotation axis.

Please amend the sentence in the specification at page 11, line 1 to read

The lifting means also includes a lift portion 30 and the track portion is mounted for movement relative thereto along a lift axis ~~A3~~ H3.

Please amend the sentence in the specification at page 12, line 6 to read:

The operator location includes a seat 46, which is movable between a first position remote from the patient shown in solid lines in FIG. 1 toward the patient as shown by arrow 46a by way of a linear actuator 46b ~~48b~~, enabling direct contact between the operator and the patient, for reasons to be described.

Clean copy of paragraph on page 10 starting at line 17.

Referring to FIGS. 4 and 6, the lifting means 12 includes a pair of beam members 20 which themselves have a first end 20a and a second end 20b, with a cross member 22 joining the first ends as shown in FIGS. 4 and 5. The cross member also provides a convenient location for handle formations with reach of the patient in this upright position, giving the patient an enhanced feeling of security. The lifting means 12 has a track portion 24, and a carriage portion 26 movable relative to the track portion along axis A4. The carriage portion includes mounting means for mounting the beam members thereto, in the form of a yoke arrangement 28 extending between the carriage member and the beam members. The yoke arrangement is mounted for movement relative to the carriage about an yoke swivel axis H2, while the beam members are mounted for synchronized movement relative to the yoke arrangement about a beam rotation axis. In this particular case, the beam rotation axis is coextensive with the first rotation axis A1.

Clean copy of paragraph on page 11 starting at line 1.

The lifting means also includes a lift portion 30 and the track portion is mounted for movement relative thereto along a lift axis H3. The lift portion includes a truck 32 having a height adjustable post 34 extending upwardly therefrom and means for lifting the post relative to the truck, such as a screw thread hoist mechanism 35 as shown in FIGS. 2 and 2a, wherein the post has a movable portion 34a which moves relative to a fixed portion 34b, wherein the movable portion 34a travels with a screw element 34c, itself entrained for travel along the screw shown at 35. The movable portion 34a is adjustably engaged with an upright portion 34d which itself is joined to the track portion 24. The truck is provided with a set of controls 36 and an operator location 37 on which a truck operator is situated to operate the truck. The controls operate, among other things, a beam motor mechanism 38 for displacing the beam members relative to the yoke arrangement, and a yoke motor mechanism 40 for displacing the yoke arrangement relative to the carriage portion as well as the screw thread hoist mechanism 35.

Clean copy of paragraph at page 12, line 6

The operator location includes a seat 46, which is movable between a first position remote from the patient shown in solid lines in FIG. 1 toward the patient as shown by arrow 46a by way of a linear actuator 48b, enabling direct contact between the operator and the patient, for reasons to be described.